



## **NORTHWEST EDUCATION FOUNDATION (NEF) SCHOLARSHIP POLICY**

It is the policy of the Northwest ISD Education Foundation to distribute funds for academic scholarships to graduating seniors in the Northwest ISD.

### **Scholarships for graduating seniors**

- All qualifying seniors must have the opportunity to apply for the scholarship(s).
- The Scholarship Review Committee must consider all qualifying applicants.
- The Northwest ISD Education Foundation Vice President of Programs will serve each year as the Scholarship Review Committee Chairman.
  - a. If this person cannot serve as Chairman for any reason, he/she must nominate a board member from the Programs Committee to the Executive Committee.
- The Scholarship Review Committee shall be made up of Northwest ISD Education Foundation board members, NISD certified teachers/administrators and community members who do not have children or relatives eligible for consideration for the scholarship(s).
- The application scoring, decision materials, tabulation, notes, certified recordings, and/or any other documentation used by the Scholarship Review Committee in connection with awarding funds to a student will remain under the supervision of the Community Relations Specialist of the Northwest ISD Education Foundation.
- All applications will be redacted for the committee and all winners will remain publicly anonymous until the awarding of the scholarships. The Scholarship Review Committee Chairman will be provided with a results matrix before the scholarships are awarded at the senior awards event.
- All decisions of the Scholarship Review Committee must be signed and dated by the chair of the committee.
- Scholarships will be awarded at each NISD high school awards ceremony. The date and time of this event is determined by each individual campus.
- Scholarship applicants need to be full-time NISD senior students enrolled in NISD for a minimum of one full semester prior to the application deadline or otherwise noted.
- All scholarship applications which do not have the required information will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for funding. Applications will not be considered for re-application after the deadline.
- The applicant's enrollment in an accredited institution (college, university, military academy, etc.) is a requirement for receiving scholarship funds.
- Once the student has received notification of scholarship funding, funds must be encumbered no later than August 31, of the same year. It is the responsibility of the student to provide all required information by the stated deadline of Aug 1.
- The scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the college or university where the student is enrolled.